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- One worker died and at least two other individuals were injured at the Green Valley Chemical fertilizer plant in Creston January 8 following a reported explosion at the facility. – *Associated Press; Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier* (See item [13](#))
- A Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services study released in December identified 732 hospitals nationwide that will have their Medicare payments lowered by 1 percent over the fiscal year from October 2014 through September 2015 due to medical errors that are considered avoidable. – *Lawrence Journal-World; Associated Press* (See item [23](#))

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Energy Sector

1. ***January 8, Bakersfield Californian*** – (California) **Oil company involved in Arvin gas leak investigated for oil tank emissions.** The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District issued a notice of violation December 29 to Petro Capital Resources LLC for emitting gas from tanks without a permit following a March 2014 gas pipeline leak in Arvin that forced a nearly 9-month evacuation of about 36 residents. The Kern Environmental Enforcement Network issued a report to the air district stating the possibility of gas emissions coming from 3 of the oil company's 4, 8,000-gallon light crude oil storage tanks that were involved in the incident.

Source: <http://www.bakersfieldcalifornian.com/local/x23121551/Oil-company-involved-in-Arvin-gas-leak-investigated-for-oil-tank-emissions>

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. ***January 9, WAVE 3 Louisville*** – (Kentucky) **Emergency crews respond to hazmat situation at chemical company.** Operations resumed about 2 hours after emergency crews responded to a reported HAZMAT situation at the Lubrizol Corporation chemical facility in Louisville January 9. Officials were not authorized to disclose the nature of the incident.
Source: <http://www.wave3.com/story/27799426/emergency-crews-respond-to-hazmat-situation-at-chemical-company>
3. ***January 8, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*** – (New Jersey) **DuPont fined for air pollution at Deepwater, New Jersey.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency fined E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company (DuPont) \$531,000 for alleged Clean Air Act violations January 8 including the improper maintenance and repair of 2 large refrigeration units at the company's chemical manufacturing plant in Deepwater. DuPont corrected the problems, implemented a leak detection program, and brought its reporting processes into compliance following the settlement.
Source:
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/196af a014ded463785257dc7005ba782>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. ***January 8, CNNMoney*** – (National) **Honda hit with \$70 million in fines for failing to report accidents over 11 years.** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration fined Honda \$70 million January 8 for failing to report 1,729 accidents that caused deaths or serious injuries over 11 years. Honda stated that the failure to file reports was caused by data and computer programming errors.
Source: <http://money.cnn.com/2015/01/08/news/companies/honda-safety-fine/>
5. ***January 8, Associated Press*** – (National) **Subaru recalls 199k vehicles to fix brake line rust.** Subaru announced a recall for around 199,000 vehicles sold or registered in 20 cold weather States and Washington D.C., due to the potential for road salt to corrode brake lines, leading to brake fluid leaks and longer stopping distances. The recall affects model year 2009-2013 Forester, 2008-2011 Impreza, and 2008-2014 WRX and WRX STI vehicles.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory/subaru-recalls-199k-vehicles-fix-brake-line-rust-28079983>
6. ***January 8, Dark Reading*** – (International) **Banking trojans disguised as ICS/SCADA software infecting plants.** A researcher with Trend Micro identified 13 varieties of banking malware disguised as legitimate industrial control systems (ICS) software updates from Siemens, GE, and Advantech. The researcher stated that he first identified the attacks in October and that they originate as spearphishing attempts or drive-by download attacks.
Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/attacks-breaches/banking-trojans-disguised-as-ics-scada-software-infecting-plants/d/d-id/1318542>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

7. ***January 8, Associated Press*** – (Oregon) **Former Sunwest CEO pleads guilty to mail fraud.** The former head of Oregon-based Sunwest Management retirement centers pleaded guilty January 8 to running an investment fraud scheme that defrauded investors out of \$130 million. The former CEO misled investors in the chain of over 300 assisted-living centers by portraying the company as prosperous while it was rapidly losing money in 2006.
Source: <http://www.columbian.com/news/2015/jan/08/former-sunwest-ceo-pleads-guilty-to-mail-fraud/>

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Transportation Systems Sector

8. *January 9, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **More than 20 hurt in tour bus crash in rural Arizona.** A Phoenix-based Tour West America bus carrying 52 passengers overturned while on an agricultural sightseeing trip near Yuma January 8, injuring 23 people. The cause of the crash was unknown and officials are investigating.
Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/more-than-20-hurt-in-tour-bus-crash-in-rural-arizona/ar-AA7WhS0>
9. *January 9, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **City bus crashes into Albuquerque home; up to 8 injured.** A city bus was struck by a van at an intersection and crashed into a home in Albuquerque January 8 injuring up to eight people.
Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/city-bus-crashes-into-albuquerque-home-up-to-8-injured/ar-AA7WCoM>
10. *January 8, WBBM 2 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Amtrak passengers furious at “ridiculous” 13-hour delay.** About 170 passengers headed from Chicago to New York and Boston on Amtrak’s Lake Shore Limited train route were delayed for more than 13 hours at Union Station in Chicago January 7. Passengers reported receiving conflicting reasons for the delay.
Source: <http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2015/01/08/amtrak-passengers-furious-at-ridiculous-13-hour-delay/>
11. *January 8, Greenville News* – (South Carolina; Georgia) **Delta jet makes emergency landing at GSP.** A Delta jet with 46 passengers traveling to Atlanta made an emergency landing January 8 at Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport in South Carolina shortly after takeoff due to mechanical problems. No one was injured during the landing and airport police and fire departments were standing by for assistance.
Source: <http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2015/01/08/delta-jet-makes-emergency-landing-gsp/21451341/>
12. *January 7, Associated Press* – (New York) **17-car pileup closes section of Saw Mill at rush hour.** A vehicle overturned onto an embankment and slid back into traffic on the Saw Mill Parkway in Mount Kisco January 7 causing a 17-car pile-up that closed the southbound lanes for approximately 3 hours. Westchester County police stated that weather was not the cause of the crash.
Source: <http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/story/news/local/new-york/2015/01/07/saw-mill-river-parkway-accident/21390953/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

13. ***January 9, Associated Press; Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier – (Iowa) Manager says 1 dead following explosion at Iowa plant.*** One worker died and at least two other individuals were injured at the Green Valley Chemical fertilizer plant in Creston January 8 following a reported explosion at the facility. The cause of the explosion was not immediately disclosed.
Source: http://wpcfourier.com/news/local/manager-says-dead-following-explosion-at-iowa-plant/article_a9d0f826-980b-11e4-a1cf-c7ca67772777.html
14. ***January 9, U.S. Department of Agriculture – (Pennsylvania; New Jersey) Pennsylvania firm recalls beef products due to misbranding and an undeclared allergen.*** The Food Safety and Inspection Service reported January 8 that the Daniel Weaver Company recalled about 7,092 pounds of Halal Beef Soujouk products after a spice supplier notified the company that cumin used in the products' spice mix may be contaminated with undeclared peanut allergens. The recalled products were produced between November 13 and December 3 and were sent to a distributor in New Jersey.
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-005-2015-release>
15. ***January 8, KVUE 24 Austin – (Texas) The cookie monsters? 2 charged in Pepperidge Farm theft.*** Police arrested and charged 2 Austin men January 3 suspected of stealing a trailer that contained about \$18,000 worth of Pepperidge Farm food items and an aluminum dolly and printer worth \$2,000.
Source: <http://www.kvue.com/story/news/crime/2015/01/08/the-cookie-monsters-2-charged-in-pepperidge-farm-theft/21456907/>
16. ***January 8, U.S. Department of Agriculture – (National) California firm recalls beef and pork products due to foreign matter contamination.*** The Food Safety and Inspection Service announced January 8 that Unibright Foods Inc., recalled about 48,139 pounds of frozen, ready-to-eat sukiyaki beef and gingered pork products due to the possibility that may be contaminated with metal extraneous materials. The recall was initiated after a stainless steel wire was found in a beef product that was sent to a restaurant in Illinois.
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-004-2015-release>
17. ***January 8, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – (Idaho) EPA settles with Gly-Tek, Inc. (Idaho) for delayed sulfuric acid spill reporting.*** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency entered into an agreement with Gly-Tek, Inc., a food additive formulator, to resolve allegations that the company violated federal laws following a 24,700-pound release of a sulfuric acid solution at their Twin Falls, Idaho, facility in November. A \$25,000 penalty was assessed.
Source:
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/bd1be9a06a5de27485257dc800026de3>

18. *January 7, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (International) **California firm recalls boneless beef products imported without benefit of inspection.** Jinon Corporation, doing business as Nijiya Market, issued a recall January 7 for about 359 pounds of frozen beef products imported from Japan because they were not presented at the U.S. point of entry for inspection by the Food Safety and Inspection Service, posing possible health risks. The recalled products were sold at a retail store in Torrance, California. Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-002-2015-release>

19. *January 7, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **Pennsylvania firm recalls chili product due to misbranding and an undeclared allergen.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service announced January 7 that Fresh Food Manufacturing recalled about 35,865 pounds of chili products due to undeclared peanuts. The affected products were distributed to retailers in Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-003-2015-release>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

20. *January 9, WXIA 11 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Water main, pipe breaks cause problems all over Atlanta.** Multiple water main breaks occurred throughout Atlanta January 8-9 due to freezing temperatures. Repair crews responded to the incidents and traffic was diverted in affected areas.
Source: <http://www.11alive.com/story/news/local/2015/01/09/water-main-breaks-causing-problems-all-over-atlanta/21483727/>

21. *January 8, KXAN 36 Austin* – (Texas) **Crews shut off gushing water in main break.** Two separate water pipes broke on and near U.S. Highway 290 in Austin January 7, releasing water for almost 3 hours onto the streets. An Austin Water Utility spokesman stated that repair crews arrived onto the scenes but it was unknown if low temperatures were the cause of the breaks.
Source: <http://kxan.com/2015/01/08/water-pipe-problems-flood-freezing-austin-roadways/>

22. *January 8, Beckley Register-Herald* – (West Virginia) **Beckley, surrounding towns under boil advisory.** Cold weather caused a major leak on a 14-inch Beckley Water Co. main line and a precautionary boil advisory was issued for Beckley, Glen Morgan, Crab Orchard, and Sophia areas January 8. The advisory was set for 24 hours while crews repaired the line in about 3 hours, flushed the system, and will send samples to a lab for testing to deem the water safe.
Source: http://www.register-herald.com/news/beckley-surrounding-towns-under-boil-advisory/article_8b7c0c36-f8ce-5c95-b41e-c5c8d296c656.html

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

23. ***January 9, Lawrence Journal-World; Associated Press*** – (National) **KU Hospital among 11 penalized in Kansas.** The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services study released in December identified 11 hospitals in Kansas and 721 nationwide that will have their Medicare payments lowered by 1 percent over the fiscal year from October 2014 through September 2015 due to medical errors that are considered avoidable. The report found that the hospitals had the highest rates of hospital-acquired conditions which included infections from catheters, blood clots, bed sores, and other preventable complications.
Source: <http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2015/jan/08/11-kansas-hospitals-penalized-rates-infections/>

24. ***January 8, KHQA 7 Hannibal*** – (Missouri) **Nursing home evacuated after sprinklers break.** Twenty-nine residents from the Clarence Care Center in Missouri were evacuated and transported to a nearby nursing home January 8 after a frozen sprinkler system broke, causing water to flood the building's community room and disrupt several lights. Officials planned to have residents back in the building by January 9 after they completed repairs to the sprinkler system.
Source: <http://www.connectrstates.com/news/story.aspx?id=1146762>

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Government Facilities Sector

25. ***January 9, Reuters*** – (National) **Record-breaking cold closes U.S. schools, sends penguins inside.** Frigid temperatures from a winter storm along the East and Midwest left several inches of snow, and prompted authorities to close schools across several States, cancel 515 flights and delay 1,937 others January 8.
Source: <http://bangordailynews.com/2015/01/09/news/nation/record-breaking-cold-closes-u-s-schools-sends-penguins-inside/>

26. ***January 8, WCVB 5 Boston*** – (Massachusetts) **Crash involving school bus reported in Plymouth.** Authorities are investigating after 15 students were transported to area hospitals as a precaution following an accident between a West Elementary School bus and a vehicle in west Plymouth January 8.
Source: <http://www.wcvb.com/news/crash-involving-school-bus-reported-in-plymouth/30600302>

27. ***January 8, WYFF 4 Greenville*** – (North Carolina) **Frozen pipes burst, forcing city hall evacuation.** The Asheville City Hall in North Carolina was evacuated and closed January 8 after cold temperatures caused pipes to burst, flooding several floors of the building. Crews spent several hours cleaning the scene and officials hoped to reopen

the facility January 12.

Source: <http://www.wyff4.com/news/frozen-pipes-burst-forcing-city-hall-evacuation/30606240>

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Emergency Services Sector

28. ***January 8, CNN*** – (Ohio) **Ohio changing execution drugs.** The Ohio Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation announced January 8 that it is changing the drugs used in lethal injections by replacing the usage of the two-drug regimen of midazolam and hydromorphone with thiopental sodium and pentobarbital after the original drug combination caused an inmate to convulse and gasp for 10 minutes before he died January 2014.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2015/01/08/us/ohio-execution-drugs/index.html>

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Information Technology Sector

29. ***January 9, Softpedia*** – (International) **Andromeda botkit used for Bitcoin mining purpose.** Fortinet researchers observed attackers using an older, cracked version of the Andromeda botnet malware to deliver Bitcoin mining software to compromised computers. The malware is version 2.06 of Andromeda and can also download additional modules and updates from the attackers' command and control servers.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Version-of-Andromeda-Bot-Used-for-Bitcoin-Mining-Purpose-469474.shtml>

30. ***January 9, Threatpost*** – (International) **Schneider patches buffer overflow in Wonderware server.** Schneider Electric issued a patch for its Wonderware InTouch Access Anywhere Server v10.6 and v11 that closes a remotely exploitable buffer overflow vulnerability. The software is used in industries including the chemical, energy, manufacturing, and water utility sectors.

Source: <http://threatpost.com/schneider-patches-buffer-overflow-in-wonderware-server/110310>

31. ***January 9, Softpedia*** – (International) **Unauthorized root command execution possible in ASUS routers.** A researcher reported a vulnerability in ASUS routers where a firmware service could be used by attackers with access to the network to reconfigure the router.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Unauthorized-Root-Command-Execution-Possible-in-ASUS-Routers-469463.shtml>

32. ***January 9, Help Net Security*** – (International) **OpenSSL release patches 8 vulnerabilities.** The OpenSSL Project released updates for its open-source library, closing eight vulnerabilities including two that could be used for denial of service (DoS) attacks.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17803>

33. **January 8, Softpedia** – (International) **vBulletin warns of vBSEO vulnerability.** The developers of vBulletin informed users of the now-defunct vBSEO search engine optimization product that a security vulnerability exists in vBSEO and offered a solution for the issue.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/vBulletin-Warns-of-vBSEO-Vulnerability-469403.shtml>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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Commercial Facilities Sector

34. **January 9, KSAT 12 San Antonio** – (Texas) **Massive fire rips through apartment, displaces 20 families.** A January 8 fire inside Building 21 of the Lincoln Village apartment complex in San Antonio displaced about 20 families due to a partial structure collapse and heavy damage in a second section of the building. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.ksat.com/content/pns/ksat/news/2015/01/08/jackson-keller-fire.html>

35. **January 7, KABC 7 Los Angeles** – (California) **30 evacuated after flooding, roof collapse at Irvine apartment complex.** A hot water pipe rupture January 7 at an apartment building in Irvine caused the structure's roof to collapse and flooded a portion of the complex. Thirty residents were displaced and one resident was injured during the incident.

Source: <http://abc7.com/news/30-evacuated-after-flooding-roof-collapse-at-irvine-apartment/465420/>

36. **January 7, SC Magazine** – (International) **Credit cards among data possibly accessed in AMResorts breach.** AMResorts reported December 15 that an unauthorized party may have accessed the personal information, including financial data, of an undisclosed

number of individuals who used payment cards to book reservations through the company's Web site. The company continues to investigate and updated its processes to deny access to financial data.

Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/credit-cards-among-data-possibly-accessed-in-amresorts-breach/article/391472/>

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